

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN  
RECONVENED ITS REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2003 ON AUGUST  
27, 2003 IN JOINT WITH THE HAVELOCK BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.  
THE MEETING CONVENED AT 12:00 P.M. AT THE NEW BERN  
RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen  
Commissioner George Brown  
Commissioner Bill Harper  
Commissioner Perry Morris  
Commissioner M. Renée Sisk  
Commissioner Leon C. Staton

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Harold Blizzard, County Manager  
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

**CITY OF HAVELOCK MEMBERS:**

Mayor George W. Griffin  
Commissioner Donald Beaver  
Commissioner James Nienstedt  
Commissioner Alan Reid  
Commissioner Jimmy Sanders  
Commissioner Eva Sermons

**CITY OF HAVELOCK STAFF:**

Tom Phillips, City Manager  
Kathleen Townsend, City Clerk

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Allen led the assembly in grace. Members of both Boards were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide some background about themselves. Havelock Commissioner Sanders explained that the meeting had evolved because of changes in the make-up of both Boards and the realization that the members of the Boards did not know each other. He expressed the hope that the Boards would learn to address the easiest issues first, those things that are subject to agreement, such as protecting MCAS Cherry Point. Ground rules were offered as follows:

- There would not be discussion of anything having to do with Havelock Rescue Squad
- Any person in the gathering could stop discussion at any time simply by saying that they did not want to discuss the matter being addressed
- One person would speak at a time
- No individual would dominate the discussion

Commissioner Sanders inquired if there is a plan in line concerning the zoning of the NC 101 corridor. Commissioner Staton responded that there is, but it is a sensitive issue which could not be discussed at this time. Commissioner Sanders inquired if there is something that the County would like for the City to be doing at this time. Commissioner Sampson responded that both Boards need to be concentrating on the Navy's Final Environmental Impact Statement for placement of FA-18 Squadrons and an Outlying Landing Field, and upon Washington County's response to the Navy's intentions. Commissioner Reid suggested that the discussion center around attracting businesses, tourism and other matters which would build mutual benefit to the City of Havelock and Craven County. Mayor Griffin commented that the Craven Community College campus in Havelock is nearing completion and inquired of the County's plans for the current library facility. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, responded that there are no plans on line yet. There has been some discussion; however, the County was interested in

knowing if Havelock has a use for those facilities. Several suggestions were made by the Havelock Commissioners for consideration, including location for their Motor Vehicles Department, District Court and the Magistrates Office.

#### *Homeland Security*

Havelock Commissioner Reid initiated discussion concerning Homeland Security and what grants are available. Mr. Phillips indicated that the funds flow from the federal government to the County level, but the activity is County driven. He stated that there is representation from the Havelock Police Department and Fire Department on the local committee set up by the Sheriff and Craven County Emergency Services, and that Havelock would have input on programs.

#### *United Senior Services, Inc.*

Commissioner Sanders inquired about the impact of the United Senior Services, Inc. status on the City of Havelock. Commissioner Allen responded that the Board of Commissioners is committed to the continuation of United Senior Services programs.

#### *NCDOT*

Commissioner Reid inquired if the County could have any influence in getting the North Carolina Department of Transportation to put in larger culverts on NC 101 at the McCotter Canal. Commissioner Sampson assured him that the Rural Planning Organization is addressing this issue at its next meeting.

At 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Harper moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk